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SUBJECT: VANCE MOSCOW TRIP PRESS SUMMARY, MARCH 26,

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1. WIRES

UPI, BY NICHOLAS DANILOFF, DATELINE WASHINGTON: "AS SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE HEADS FOR MOSCOW TODAY, SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE AT BOTH ENDS OF HIS TRIP ARE HOPING THE TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV WILL LEAD TO A REUNION WITH LOVED ONES.

"THE PLIGHT OF SOME 300 PEOPLE -- DETAILED ON A STATE DEPARTMENT "REPRESENTATION LIST" -- IS ONE OF THE MANY PROBLEMS THE ADMINISTRATION HAS IN MIND IN SPEAKING OUT ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD.

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"YET, IRONICALLY, PRESIDENT CARTER'S OUTSPOKENNESS MAY HAVE DELAYED THE DAY WHEN LONG-SOUGHT FAMILY REUNIONS AT LAST MAY TAKE PLACE.

"BREZHNEV AND OTHER SOVIET SPOKESMEN HAVE DENOUNCED

"CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN AS INTERNAL INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS WHICH NO SOVEREIGN NATION CAN TOLERATE.

"BREZHNEV'S TONE DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR EARLY SOLUTION OF SUCH FAMILY PROBLEMS. . . . (PARAGRAPHS ON MICHELSON AND MCCELLAN CASES).

"THE STATE DEPARTMENT REVISED ITS "REPRESENTATION LIST" LAST FALL AND FOUND 316 PERSONS IN 113 FAMILY UNITS WANTED TO EMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES.

"DESPITE THESE PROBLEM CASES, U.S. OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE THE NUMBER OF SOVIET EMIGRANTS HAS BEEN GRADUALLY INCREASING SINCE 1970. THE U.S. EMBASSY PROCESSED 230 SOVIET EMIGRANTS TO AMERICA IN 1970; 2,574 IN 1976.

"AT THE BEHEST OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY, VANCE REPORTEDLY ALSO IS CARRYING A SECOND LIST CONTAINING THE NAMES OF THOUSANDS OF SOVIET JEWS WHO WISH TO EMIGRATE.

"WHILE VANCE WILL PRESS FOR RESOLUTION OF THESE CASES, NO DRAMATIC RESULTS SEEM IN THE OFFING.,

DANILOFF FROM BRUSSELS: "SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE ARRIVED TODAY AND SAID HE WAS WILLING TO EXTEND HIS MOSCOW STAY FOR MORE THAN THREE DAYS IF IT WOULD LEAD TO PROGRESS IN ARMS TALKS WITH THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP.

"VANCE, WHO BEGINS TALKS WITH SECRETARY GENERAL LEONID UNCLASSIFIED

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I. BREZHNEV MONDAY, IS SCHEDULED TO BRIEF WESTERN LEADERS IN BRUSSELS TODAY.

"SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ABOARD HIS AIRCRAFT, HE SAID IT WAS A 'POSSIBLE AS AN OPTION' THAT THE MOSCOW TALKS COULD BE EXTENDED BEYOND WEDNESDAY, WHEN THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO END.

'I WOULD CERTAINLY BE DELIGHTED TO STAY TO PURSUE THE DISCUSSIONS HOWEVER LONG IT IS NECESSARY,' HE SAID.

VANCE CONFIRMED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER STRONGLY PREFERRED TO REVISE THE 1974 VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT WHICH BREZHNEV REACHED WITH FORMER PRESIDENT FORD TO INCLUDE 'DEEP CUTS' IN THE MISSILE AND BOMBER CEILINGS ORIGINALLY AGREED UPON.

"THAT ACCORD LIMITED THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET

UNION TO 2,400 STRATEGIC MISSILES AND BOMBERS. CARTER WOULD LIKE TO LOWER THIS CEILING SUBSTANTIALLY, PERHAPS TO 2,000 OR BELOW.

"VANCE SAID THE SOVIET UNION MIGHT NOT IMMEDIATELY ACCEPT

THIS FUNDAMENTAL REVISION OF THE ORIGINAL ACCORD, BUT HE SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO AGREE WITH THE RUSSIANS ON AN OVERALL 'FRAMEWORK' TO GUIDE FUTURE U.S.-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS.

"BEFORE HEADING FOR THE NATO HEADQUARTERS, VANCE SAID IN AN AIRPORT STATEMENT THAT IT WAS 'FITTING THAT MY FIRST STOP ON EUROPEAN SOIL SHOULD BE HERE IN BRUSSELS, THE CAPITAL OF AN OLD FRIEND AND ALLY, THE HEADQUARTERS OF NATO AND THE SEAT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES.

"ALTHOUGH MY VISIT WILL BE A VERY BRIEF ONE, IT UNDER-
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SCORES THE IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACH TO CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR ALLIES,' HE SAID. 'THE RELATIONSHIPS WHICH WE HAVE WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY.'

"VANCE LEFT WASHINGTON FRIDAY ON THE TRIP IN WHICH KREMLIN INDIGNATION OVER THE ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS STANCE IS ANTICIPATED.

"STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, BRIEFING REPORTERS HOURS BEFORE VANCE'S DEPARTURE, ENVISIONED A TENSE AND SOMETIMES HOSTILE MEETING BETWEEN VANCE AND BREZHNEV BECAUSE OF PRESDENT CARTER'S OUTSPOKENESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

"BREZHNEV HAS DENOUNCED CARTER'S STATEMENTS AS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL SOVIET AFFAIRS. BUT BREZHNEV'S SPEECHES -- 'IN THEIR ENTIRETY' -- CARTER TOLD REPORTERS THURSDAY HAVE BEEN 'VERY CONSTRUCTIVE.'

AP, NO BYLINE, FROM BRUSSELS: "SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE LANDED HERE TODAY TO BRIEF EUROPEAN ALLIES ABOUT HIS UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS ON A NEW NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE (NATO) WAS CALLED TO HEAR VANCE DURING THE 2 1/2-HOUR STOP IN BRUSSELS, WHERE NATO IS HEADQUARTERED. VANCE IS SCHEDULED TO REACH MOSCOW TONIGHT.

"'I EXPECT HARD BARGAINING ON BOTH SIDES,' THE SECRETARY TOLD REPORTERS ON HIS PLANE AFTER HE LEFT WASHINGTON

FRIDAY NIGHT. 'BUT I HOPE THE ATMOSPHERE WILL BE BUSINESSLIKE AND CORDIAL.'

"HE SAID HE HAS TWO PROPOSALS TO GIVE SOVIET LEADERS.
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ONE CALLS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT COMPLETE WITH 'DEEP CUTS' IN THE NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS, HE SAID. THE OTHER, A 'FALLBACK' POSITION, PROVIDES FOR DEFERRING OUTSTANDING ISSUES WHILE RATIFYING ARMS LEVELS ABOUT WHERE THEY NOW STAND.

"VANCE SAID HE HAS SET A MINIMUM GOAL OF 'A FRAMEWORK' WHICH WOULD ALLOW DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS TO FOLLOW.

"THE SECRETARY IS TO STAY IN MOSCOW FOR FOUR DAYS. HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT IF PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE HE 'WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO STAY FOR A DAY OR TWO LONGER.'

"AT THE BRUSSELS AIRPORT VANCE SAID IT WAS FITTING THAT HIS FIRST STOP SHOULD BE IN WHAT HE CALLED THE CAPITAL OF AN OLD FRIEND AS WELL AS THE HEADQUARTERS OF NATO AND THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET.

"ALTHOUGH MY VISIT WILL BE A VERY BRIEF ONE, IT UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR ALLIES,' HE SAID. 'THE RELATIONS WHICH WE HAVE WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY.',

2. NEWSPAPERS

NEW YORK TIMES, MARCH 26, BY BERNARD GWERTZMAN, FRONT PAGE LEFT HEADLINES "58 IN SENATE SEND LETTER OF SUPPORT TO CARTER ON RIGHTS; A PRELUDE TO TALKS IN SOVIET UNION", SUBHEAD "PRESIDENT WELCOMES THE BACKING; VANCE EXPECTS SOME 'HEATED EXCHANGES' OVER THE ISSUE., STORY EMPHASIZES SENATORS' LETTER, THEN DRAWS ON FRIDAY'S BACKGROUND BRIEFING AND WARNKE INTERVIEW. EXCERPTS AS FOLLOWS:

IN A BRIEFING FOR REPORTERS BEFORE MR. VANCE'S DEPARTURE FOR BRUSSELS -- A STOPOVER ON THE WAY TO MOSCOW -- KEY UNCLASSIFIED

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AIDES SAID THAT MR. VANCE DID NOT EXPECT TO CONCLUDE ANY MAJOR AGREEMENTS OR ACHIEVE ANY DRAMATIC BREAKTHROUGHS IN THE RATHER EXTENSIVE LIST OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED.

RATHER, THEY SAID, MR. VANCE WOULD BE PLEASED WITH WINNING SOVIET APPROVAL OF A 'FRAMEWORK' ON WAYS TO PURSUE THE STALEMATED STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA AND ON RECEIVING A SOLID UNDERSTANDING OF SOVIET

VIEWS ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES, RANGING FROM A BAN ON UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS TO DEMILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN.

BECAUSE OF MR. BREZHNEV'S SHARP CRITICISM IN A SPEECH ON MONDAY OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S SUPPORT OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS, MR. VANCE EXPECTS THAT THE SOVIET LEADER WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LECTURE HIM IN STRONG TERMS ON THE ISSUE.

THE AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID THAT MR. VANCE, IN RETURN, WAS READY TO RESPOND AND TO EXPLAIN MR. CARTER'S STRONG COMMITMENT TO SPEAKING OUT ON HUMAN RIGHTS, A COMMITMENT THAT MR. VANCE BELIEVES IS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

ONE OFFICIAL SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THAT IN THE PAST THE UNITED STATES HAD BEEN TOO RELUCTANT TO SPEAK FRANKLY TO THE SOVIET UNION ON SUCH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE PRODUCED THE WRONG IMPRESSION IN MOSCOW.

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PAUL C. WARNKE, THE CHIEF ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATOR, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING MR. VANCE TO MOSCOW, SAID THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE TO AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION DISCUSSIONS.

HE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT "IF WE WERE SPEAKING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THEM IN DULCET TONES, THAT WOULD NOT LEAD THEM TO BE SOMEHOW MORE FORTHCOMING IN SALT NEGOTIATIONS."

"THEY ARE NOT GOING TO GIVE US SOME CONCESSION JUST BECAUSE THEY LIKE THE WAY WE ARE ADDRESSING THEM," HE SAID. . . .

OFFICIALS BRIEFING REPORTERS TODAY REFUSED TO SAY HOW DEEP THE CUTS ENVISAGED BY MR. CARTER MIGHT BE, BUT OTHERS ESTIMATED THAT THEY COULD BE AS LARGE AS 25 PERCENT, OR REDUCING VLADIVOSTOK LEVELS TO 1,800.

MR. WARNKE SAID THAT MR. CARTER WAS "PREPARED TO GO PRETTY FAR" BELOW THE 2,400 LEVEL. IF THE RUSSIANS AGREED ON THE "REDUCTION" APPROACH, THEN THE UNITED STATES WOULD AGREE TO INCLUDE IN THE SYSTEMS THE CONTROVERSIAL CRUISE MISSILE, WHICH WASHINGTON AT PRESENT HAS INSISTED SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED IN THE 2,400 TOTAL.

THE RUSSIANS HAVE SAID THERE COULD BE NO AGREEMENT UNLESS THE MEDIUM-RANGE AND LONG-RANGE CRUISE MISSILE -- A JET-POWERED DRONE ABLE TO FLY AT LOW LEVELS UP TO SEVERAL

THOUSAND MILES AND TO DELIVER NUCLEAR OR CONVENTIONAL ARMS WITH PRECISION -- WAS INCLUDED IN THE CEILINGS.

A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH, OFFICIALS SAID, WOULD ALSO INCLUDE ALL OTHER SYSTEMS CURRENTLY IN SERVICE OR

CONTEMPLATED. THE RUSSIANS UP TO NOW HAVE PUBLICLY SHOWN NO INTEREST IN SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS FROM 2,400 OR IN DEFERRING THE CRUISE MISSILE ISSUE AND THE RELATED BACKFIRE BOMBER PROBLEM TO LATER NEGOTIATIONS.

ON SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED, THE OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT MR. VANCE HAD NO PRECISE POSITIONS BUT RATHER WANTED TO EXPLORE SOVIET THINKING.

THIS WAS THE CASE, THEY SAID, ON MR. CARTER'S CALL FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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RESTRAINT IN ARMS SALES ABROAD, FOR EVENTUAL DEMILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AND ON NONINTERFERENCE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS ON SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE AND OTHER ISSUES. . . . (END NY TIMES EXCERPTS)

WASHINGTON POST SATURDAY CARRIES NEWS ANALYSIS BY MURREY MARDER BASED PARTLY ON BACKGROUNDER.

WASHINGTON STAR (HENRY BRADSHER AND WALTER TAYLOR) CARRIE TRIP AS MAJOR FRONT PAGE STORY, HEADLINING "HARD BARGAINING DURING NEW SALT TALKS; HEATED RIGHTS DEBATE? SENATE SUPPORTS CARTER."

BALTIMORE SUN (HENRY TREWITT) HEADLINES FRONT PAGE "VANCE BEGINS TRIP TO SOVIET; SLOW-GOING HINTED AS U.S. PLANS PUSH FOR A-ARMS DEAL," DRAWS HEAVILY ON BACKGROUNDER.

3.EVANS AND NOVAK, WASH. POST, 3/26, "VANCE IN MOSCOW: MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?"

BEGIN TEXT: SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV IS EXPECTED TO GREET SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE IN MOSCOW MONDAY BY DIGGING A MAY 29, 1972 DOCUMENT, OUT OF THE FILES AND DEMANDING A DEFINITION OF "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" UNDER PRESIDENT CARTER.

INDEED, BREZHNEV IS PERCEIVED BY SOVIET SPECIALISTS ALONG WASHINGTON'S EMBASSY ROW AS (IN ONE DIPLOMAT'S DESCRIPTION)"BOILING OVER" IN ANGER AT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. IN THAT MOOD, HE IS UNLIKELY TO PERMIT HIS FIRST TALKS WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO

MOVE INTO THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS QUESTION UNTIL HE IS GIVEN THAT NEW DEFINITION.

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THIS MEANS THAT VANCE, A NOVICE BOTH IN HIGH-LEVEL NEGOTIATING AND THE TORTUROUS ART OF MARXIST DIALECTICS, ENTERS HIS FIRST MAJOR TEST UNDER HIGHLY INAUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. AND THAT TEST COMPRISES WHAT COULD BE THE MOST PORTENTOUS MISSION TO MOSCOW BY A U.S. DIPLOMAT SINCE THE 1940'S.

THE MAY 1972 DOCUMENT SIGNED BY RICHARD NIXON AND BREZHNEV IN MOSCOW IS TITLED "BASIC PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS" BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION. IT PLEDGES BOTH SIDES TO "NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS" OF THE OTHER - THE ONE SPECIFIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON THAT MIGHT SEEM TO SUPPORT BREZHNEV'S NOISY COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE NEW PRESIDENT'S BOLD AND AGGRESSIVE DECISION TO EXPLOIT THE IMMENSE SOVIET WEAKNESS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE.

THIS QUESTION IS BEING ASKED HERE ABOUT BREZHNEV AND THE SKILLED AND SEASONED NEGOTIATORS UNDER ANDREI GROMYKO, SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER FOR 20 UNINTERRUPTED YEARS: WILL THEY DRIVE CARTER'S UNTESTED TEAM INTO A CORNER WITH THEIR CLAIM THAT THE NEW PRESIDENT HAS VIOLATED THOSE BASIC PRINCIPLES?"

VANCE MAY BE UNABLE TO CONVINCE BREZHNEV, GROMYKO AND OTHERS THAT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN IS LIMITED ENOUGH TO FALL WITHIN THE MAY 1972 "PRINCIPLES." IN THAT CASE, THE RUSSIANS MAY SIMPLY POSTPONE SERIOUS SALT TALKS

UNTIL ANEW SET OF NON-INTERFERENCE "PRINCIPLES" IS NEGOTIATED.

COMPOUNDING VANCE'S DIFFICULT BARGAINING POSITION ARE TWO OTHER FACTS OF LIFE:

FIRST, THE FACT THAT THE SOVIET RULER, NO HOTHEAD, WAS OUTRAGED BY THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENT TO CONGRESSIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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LEADERS THAT "SOME PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED EVERY TIME BREZHNEV SNEEZES." ONE ASTUTE KREMLINOLOGIST FROM A NEUTRAL COUNTRY TOLD US: "TRANSLATED, THAT COMES OUT CARTER TELLING BREZHNEV HE DOESN'T AMOUNT TO MUCH IN CARTER'S WASHINGTON." IN OTHER WORDS, IT WAS CARTER TALKING DOWN TO THE SUPER-SENSITIVE RUSSIANS--A CLAIM OF U.S. SUPERIORITY THE SOVIETS WILL INSIST MUST BE CORRECTED.

VANCE'S SECOND LIABILITY IS MORE COMPLICATED AND MORE SERIOUS: THE FACT HIS BOSS IS PUBLICLY COMMITTED TO OBTAINING A SALT II AGREEMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. THE NEGOTIATING ADVANTAGE THIS GIVES THE SOVIETS IS SUBSTANTIAL.

VANCE ARRIVES IN MOSCOW WITH TWO SALT PROPOSALS. ONE IS ESSENTIALLY GERALD FORD'S VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT, COUPLED WITH CARTER'S SUGGESTION THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE U.S. CRUISE MISSILE AND THE SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBER BE DEFERRED; THE SECOND OR BACK-UP PROPOSAL WOULD ACCEPT DRASTIC LIMITS ON THE CRUISE MISSILE THAT DEFENSE-ORIENTED SENATORS WOULD NEVER VOTE TO RATIFY.

THE EXISTENCE OF THE BACK-UP PROPOSAL IN VANCE'S POCKET SIGNALS THAT THE U.S. MAY DESERT ITS PREFERRED SALT II TREATY AT BREZHNEV'S FIRST NYET. BESIDES ENCOURAGING RUSSIAN BULLYING, THIS COULD GIVE BREZHNEV BARGAINING AMMUNITION TO TRY AND FORCE PRESIDENT CARTER TO SILENCE HIS HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. CARTER'S PLEDGE THURSDAY OF BEING "UNSWERVING" ON THAT FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE, HOWEVER, IS ACCEPTED HERE AS FIRM.

SOME DIPLOMATS WHO PUBLICLY PRAISE CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS CRUSADE WARN PRIVATELY THAT BREZHNEV WILL NEVER ACCEPT IT AS A PRICE FOR DOING BUSINESS WITH THE U.S. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY REGARD VANCE'S MISSION AS A POSSIBLE PRECURSOR OF A MAJOR SOVIET PROPAGANDA ATTACK ON THE U.S.

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DESIGNED TO TEST BOTH THE NEW PRESIDENT'S WILL AND THE BONDS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES.

THIS RECALLS NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV'S ATTEMPT TO BULLY ANOTHER NEW PRESIDENT, JOHN F. KENNEDY, IN JUNE 1961 AT VIENNA. KHRUSHCHEV DRASTICALLY UNDERRATED KENNEDY AND ULTIMATELY PAID FOR IT WITH HIS OFFICE WHEN KENNEDY FORCED HIM TO BACK DOWN IN THE 1962 CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS. U.S. OFFICIALS, WORRIED THAT SOVIET TREATMENT OF CARTER MAY TAKE A SIMILAR COURSE FOLLOWING VANCE'S MISSION TO MOSCOW, NOTE ONE SPECTACULAR DIFFERENCE: SOVIET MILITARY POWER IS NOW AT LEAST THE EQUAL OF AMERICA'S; IN 1961, THE U.S. HAD A LARGE SUPERIORITY.

THAT EXPLAINS WHY VANCE ENTERS MOSCOW CARRYING THE HEAVIEST LOAD OF ANY U.S. DIPLOMAT TO GO THERE IN MANY YEARS. IT ALSO EXPLAINS THE SINCERE CONCERN HERE OVER HIS TRIP.

END TEXT.

4. TV EVENING NEWS REPORT, FRIDAY, 3/25
NBC (VALERIANI AND CHANCELLOR):

VALERIANI: 'UNCERTAIN' IS THE WORD THEY'RE USING HERE, DAVID, ABOUT THE RECEPTION. THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY DO EXPECT TO HAVE HEATED DISCUSSIONS, BUT THEY HOPE THAT BY THE TIME THEY LEAVE THE RUSSIANS WILL UNDERSTAND THAT

IT'S POSSIBLE TO DISAGREE ON SOME ISSUES WHILE MAKING
SERIOUS PROGRESS ON OTHER MATTERS..

CHANCELLOR: DICK, LET ME ASK YOU ABOUT THE NUMBERS OF
MISSILES INVOLVED.I UNDERSTAND THERE'S TALK AROUND TODAY
OF AN AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR A REALLY SERIOUS REDUCTION
IN THE NUMBER OF DELIVERY VEHICLES.

VALERIANI: PRESIDENT FORD AND MR. BREZHNEV AGREED
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ON A CEILING OF 2,400 MISSILES AT VLADIVOSTOK IN 1974.
PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD LIKE NOT ONLY TO LIMIT THE NUMBERS,
BUT TO REDUCE THEM TO AS LOW AS 1,500 ON EACH SIDE.

CHANCELLOR: DICK, IF WE DON'T ARRIVE AT A DEAL LIKE THAT
WITH THE RUSSIANS, ISN'T THERE AN IMPLIED THREAT IN OUR
POSITION THAT WE'LL GO ON BUILDING OUR OWN CRUISE MISSILE,
AND DOESN'T THAT UPSET THE RUSSIANS?

VALERIANI: IT UPSETS THEM TERRIBLY, JOHN. THEY'RE CON-
CERNED MORE ABOUT THE CRUISE THAN ANYTHING ELSE. THEY
WANT TO PUT A LIMIT ON IT NOW BEFORE THE TECHNOLOGY RUNS
WILD, AND THE LIMITATIONS ON THE CRUISE ARE THE INDUCE-
MENT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS USING TO GET THE
RUSSIANS TO ACCEPT DEEP CUTS. WE DON'T KNOW IF THEY'LL
GO ALONG WITH IT. END VALERIANI/CHANCELLOR REPORT.

CBS (BERNARD KALB): STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE
PROVIDED A PREVIEW OF WHAT THE U.S. EXPECTS FROM THE
SOVIET-AMERICAN TALKS IN MOSCOW, - A HEATED EXCHANGE AT
THE OUTSET ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IN FACT,
AN ATMOSPHERE OF UNCERTAINTY AS THE TALKS GET UNDERWAY,
BUT THEN, ON THE BASIS OF ALL INDICATIONS, THE RUSSIANS
ASSUMING A BUSINESSLIKE STANCE IN DISCUSSING A WHOLE
RANGE OF BILATERAL ISSUES, THE MOST IMPORTANT, HOW TO
CURB THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE.

THE U.S. WILL FOLLOW A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH. THE PRIORITY
WILL GO TO ENCOURAGING THE RUSSIANS TO TAKE WHAT'S CALLED
A GIANT STEP FORWARD BY AGREEING TO A COMPREHENSIVE
PACKAGE THAT WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY CUT THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS
CEILING OF 2,400 FOR EACH SIDE SET AT VLADIVOSTOK IN
1974. ONE REPORT HAS IT THAT THE AMERICANS MAY PROPOSE
A CUT-BACK TO 1,500. IF THE RUSSIANS SAY NO TO SUCH
A PACKAGE, THEN, THE U.S. FALL-BACK POSITION OF
RATIFYING THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD AND DEFERRING THE
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CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES OF THE AMERICAN CRUISE MISSILE AND
THE SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBER.

THERE IS NO CERTAINTY THAT THE RUSSIANS WILL GO FOR EITHER APPROACH. THERE COULD BE MANEUVERING BETWEEN THE TWO APPROACHES. IN ANY CASE, U.S. OFFICIALS CAUTION AGAINST ANY GREAT EXPECTATIONS, SAYING NO BREAKTHROUGHS ARE ANTICIPATED, HOPEFULLY THAT A FRAMEWORK FOR AN AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED. END KALB REPORT.

ABC (BARRIE DUNSMORE): THE COMBINED NUCLEAR ARSENALS OF THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION AMOUNT TO NEARLY 10 BILLION TONS OF EXPLOSIVE POWER, ENOUGH BY SOME ESTIMATES TO DESTROY THE WORLD TEN TIMES OVER. THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS -- SALT AS THEY HAVE BECOME KNOWN -- ARE AN ATTEMPT TO PUT SOME KIND OF LIMITS ON THIS INCREDIBLE ARMS BUILD-UP. SALT I, AN AGREEMENT TO FREEZE THINGS AT PRESENT LEVELS, EXPIRES IN OCTOBER. IN VLADIVOSTOK IN 1974, THE BROAD OUTLINES OF A SECOND SALT AGREEMENT WERE REACHED BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND LEONID BREZHNEV. FOR THE FIRST TIME, BOTH SIDES HAD AGREED TO A CEILING ON THE NUMBER OF STRATEGIC LAUNCH VEHICLES. EACH SIDE AGREED THAT IT WOULD LIMIT ITS TOTAL NUMBER OF LONG-BALLISTIC MISSILES AND SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILES TO 2,400. ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS AGREED THAT WITHIN THAT 2,400, ONLY 1,320 COULD BE MISSILES WHICH COULD CARRY A NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS PROGRAMMED FOR DIFFERENT TARGETS.
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